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BEGIN SUMMARY: UN REP GUICCIARDI LEFT TIMOR JAN. 22 FOLLOWING THREE-DAY VISIT WHICH PROCEEDED MUCH ALONG LINES PROJECTED REFTEL. NEW PORTUGUESE AND AUSTRALIAN PROTESTS OVER INDONESIAN ACTIONS IN PT REPORTED IN JAKARTA PRESS. END SUMMARY.

1. GUICCIARDI LEAVES PT: UN SECGEN'S PT EMISSARY GUICCIARDI REPORTED TO HAVE DEPARTED TIMOR AFTER THREE-DAY STAY IN PT JAN. 22 FOR JAKARTA VIA OVERNIGHT STOP AT BALI. DISPATCHES OF INDONESIAN STATE NEWS AGENCY ANTARA FROM DILI INDICATE GUICCIARDI VISIT PROCEEDED APPROXIMATELY AS PROJECTED REFTEL. PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (PG) CHIEF ARAUJO TOLD HIM UN MISSION CAME "TOO LATE", AND PG DID NOT WANT REFERENDUM, AS INTEGRATION DECISION ALREADY MADE. ARAUJO ALSO COMPLAINED THAT UN HAD IGNORED PREVIOUS APODETI APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE AND CONCLUDED THAT CURRENT MISSION WAS MERELY RESULT OF "GLOBAL SUPER-POWER POLITICS".

2. ANTARA REPORTS STATE GUICCIARDI HAD TWO SESSIONS WITH PG LEADERS, JAN. 20 AND 21. LARGE, SIGN-CARRYING CROWDS ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE PG OFFICE DURING TALKS, WHICH INTERRUPTED ONCE BY ENTRY OF GROUP OF YOUTHS DEMANDING TO PRESENT PRO-MERGER PETITION TO GUICCIARDI. THREE-MAN DELEGATION OF FRETILIN LEADERS FROM MANATUTO ALSO ASKED TO SEE GUICCIARDI TO EXPLAIN THEIR SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATION (SEE REFTEL).

3. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, GUICCIARDI PLANS FOR VISITS TO OUTLYING AREAS FRUSTRATED BY "VARIOUS TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES", INCLUDING RAIN AND POOR LANDING FIELD CONDITIONS. ASIDE FROM DILI, GUICCIARDI ULTIMATELY VISITED ONLY MANATUTO (BY CHARTERED PERTAMINA HELICOPTER) AND BACAU, WHERE HE OVERNIGHTED JAN. 21 PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM PT JAN. 22.

4. FONDEPT ASIA PACIFIC DIRECTOR BRIGGEN ADENAN TOLD POLCOANS JAN. 23 THAT GUICCIARDI EXPECTED BACK IN JAKARTA FOR FINAL MEETINGS PRIOR HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK.
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INDONESIANS DO NOT, HOW EVER, EXPECT GUICCIARDI TO PROVIDE MORE THAN MOST GENERALIZED OUTLINE OF REPORT HE WILL WRITE FOLLOWING TIMOR VISIT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. PT CONDITIONS: ADENAN, WHO VISITED TIMOR MOST RECENTLY ALONG WITH UN AMBASSADOR SANI FOLLOWING MALIK

VISIT JAN. 9, SAID PRIVATELY THAT GOI SOMEWHAT DISCOURAGED OVER SLOWNESS OF MOPPING-UP OPERATIONS DUE, IN PART, TO HEAVY RAINS. HOWEVER, SINCE FRETILIN IS RECEIVING NO ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE WHILE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IS BEING SUPPLIED FROM INDONESIA, ULTIMATE OUTCOME CAN ONLY BE VICTORY FOR PG AND INDONESIAN VOLUNTEERS. ADENAN ADDED THAT, UNLIKE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY SOME, FRETILIN DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE RECEIVING SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FROM LARGELY APOLITICAL PEASANTS. END CONFIDENTIAL

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6. PORTUGUESE, AUSTRALIAN PROTESTS: ONLY OTHER PT-RELATED EVENTS FEATURED IN JAKARTA PRESS ARE GOP PROTEST OVER RECENT MALIK VISIT TO DILI (TO WHICH MALIK QUOTED AS REPLYING THAT GOP CHARGE ONLY "CHEAP DEBATE" SINCE GOP HAD ABANDONED COLONY AND PT PEOPLE HAD INVITED HIM TO VISIT), AND RECOMMENDATION BY AUSTRALIAN LABOR COUNCIL THAT ITS MEMBERS BOYCOTT INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN CANBERRA IN PROTEST OVER INDONESIAN INTERVENTION (TO WHICH NO GOI REACTION YET REPORTED).
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